

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 10-32 are withdrawn. Claims 1-9 remain pending in the application.

Substantive matters

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for improper dependency. Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected on the ground of non-statutory double patenting over claims 1, 5, and 10 of U.S. Patent No. 7,114,798.

Applicant has amended claim 4 to depend from claim 2 and respectfully requests that the § 112 rejection be withdrawn.

Applicant also herewith submits a terminal disclaimer to obviate the non-statutory double patenting rejection.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the Examiner to allow the application.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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